

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending is the instant application. No claims have been added by this Amendment. Claim 1 has been cancelled by this Amendment. Therefore, upon entry of this present, Amendment claims 3, and 5-20 will be pending.

Claim 7 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner for the allowable subject matter.

Applicant has amended the claim 7 to in independent form including all of the limitations of claims 1 and 7. Claims 3, 5, 8, and 9 have been amended to be dependent on allowable claim 7. Claim 6 is dependent on claim 5.

Applicant has also amended claims 10 and 16 to have the limitation of claim 7 of a virtual clear channel assessment (VCCA) time period equaling a sum of: a content of a Duration field in frame header of the frame being transmitted, eight times a quotient of an actual length, in octets, of the frame being transmitted, and a transmission rate, in Mbps, of the frame being transmitted; an extended inter frame space; and a distributed inter frame space.

Claims 11, 12, 14, and 15 are dependent on claim 10. Claim 13 depends on claim 12.

Claims 17-20 depend upon claim 16.

Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. Please charge any additional fees, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0668. Should the Examiner have further inquiry concerning these matters, please contact the below named attorney for Applicants.

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